

PUBLIC WORKS

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles (City) and the Westchester Business Improvement District (BID) is committed to support and promote growth and beautification in the business district. The Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association (WSIA), a non-profit community based group, is currently implementing a project called "*Gateway to Westchester Landscape Entry Project*" to make capital improvements including new sidewalks and landscaping and create potential for future maintenance on streetscapes in the Westchester area.

In this regard, property owners along Sepulveda Blvd. between Howard Hughes Drive and Manchester Avenue will be informed of an opportunity to dedicate strip lots to the City in order to support this joint WSIA and City of L.A. project. Initial design work of the streetscape improvements for the sidewalks, trees, and landscaping will be paid for by WSIA, with federal grant dollars. The properties are legal lots that are not tied to residential lots.

Actual transfer of the strip lots to the City will be managed and timed so that no City maintenance of the strip lots is required before the initiation of the project construction. Upon completion of the project, the City will assume landscape maintenance and operation of the completed improvements.

Once the final number of strip lot owners have participated in dedicating their strip lot to the City for the proposed project, the City will initiate a plan amendment calling for a zone change from R to PF for all of the City owned strip lots along Sepulveda Blvd. in Westchester.

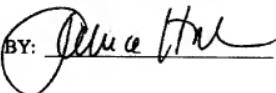
Following the strip lot zone change, the BID will initiate proceedings that provide for incorporation of the strip lots into the BID area for purposes of on-going maintenance. Once City owned properties are included in the BID area, then the City will be required to fund the assessments pursuant to Proposition 218.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, Real Estate Division, in accordance with Section 581 (e) of the City Charter, be requested to acquire the fee-simple strip lots titles by voluntary dedications along Sepulveda Blvd. in Westchester at no cost to the City. Furthermore, any fees associated with the processing of these acquisitions shall be waived.

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